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SUBJECT: NEW FONMIN HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER DESIGNATED

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RECENTLY DESIGNATED LUIS ALBERTO CARRESSE, AN ENERGETIC YOUNG PROTEGE OF FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR GIAMBRUNO, TO WHOM HE WILL REPORT, TO RESPOND TO ALL OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES. THIS FOLLOWS DIRECTLY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MARCH DECREE WHICH ESTABLISHED THE OFICIAN CENTRAL DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS (OCIP) TO REPLY TO UNOFFICIAL INQUIRIES AND DIRECTED OFFICIAL INQUIRIES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. OCIP DIRECT COL. MAYNARD INDICATED THAT HE AND CARRESSE WILL WORK IN PARALLEL, CONFERRING OCCASIONALLY BUT FOR THE MOST PART PURSUING THEIR GOALS INDEPENDENTLY.

2. THE FIRST FRUIT OF CARRESSE'S APPOINTMENT EMERGED LAST WEEK WHEN, IN A MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM THE GOV'S LONG-TIME POLICY OF SILENCE ON POLITICAL DETAINEES, A LIST OF 522 PERSONS RELEASED FROM PRISON IN CY 1977 WAS GIVEN TO THIS

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EMBASSY AND TO SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. (DETAILS SEPTTEL).

3. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INITIATED AN INQUIRY WITH THIS OFFICE CONCERNING USUN'S REPORT OF THE RECENT ARREST AND MISTREATMENT OF FOUR STUDENTS (REFTEL), AND BEEN PROMISED A PROMPT AND FULL REPLY.

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